June 2, 2005

WEST CHESTER: A STROLL AROUND THE SQUARE

Sponsor: West Chester Historical and Architectural Review Board
Tour Reservations: 610-910-7348

Cornel Explore our Northwest Neighborhood nestled around our oldest park — Marshall Square. Discover treasures hidden off the beaten track. Behold school buildings, mansions, and wedding presents. Learn why Marshall Square was the popular destination for evening strollers in the 19th Century. Tours will start and end at the Garbele in Marshall Square, Biddle and Malateria Streets. Pick form eight tours that will wind their way among sites dated from 1813 to 1950.

June 9, 2005

HISTORIC SUGARTOWN

Sponsor: Historic Sugartown, Inc.
Tour Reservations: 610-640-2667

Historic Sugartown is a hidden gem in the beautiful countryside of Willistown, Chester County. This magnificently preserved 18th Century village, of the 18th & 19th centuries has the region's only interpretively stocked general store, as well as the impressive Fieldstone Guest House, with its rare collection of T&L Care Crockery, by Willistown makers. There is also a unique Book Binderly, with an amazingly complete collection of 2,500 items! From the antique, Chester County barn, to the other dwellings in this Historic District, the delight is in the detail!

June 16, 2005

LUKENS HISTORIC DISTRICT

Sponsor: Greystone Society and Huston Properties, Inc.
Tour Reservations: 610-384-9282

On this tour you will view four historic buildings built by the founders of Lukens Steel Company. View the facade of Rebecca Lukens’ House, Bradywine Mansion, and the historic house she built in 1850 for her daughter, Isabella, when she married Charles Huston. Also included in the tour is Greystoned Mansion, built in 1889, by Isabella’s son, Abram Huston, and the Lukens Executive Office Building, built in 1903, which contains memorabilia of Lukens Steel Company.

June 23, 2005

KENNETH SQUARE

Sponsor: Kennett Square Historical Commission
Tour Reservations: 610-444-7790

Kennett Square is celebrating its Sesquicentennial this year. In conjunction with that, our Town Tours and Village Walks theme will be organized around the history of the town. We will begin where the first European settlement was established at the crossroads of what is now Routes 82 and 131 (Union and State Streets). We will see the homes or birthplaces of writers, inventors, and sports figures. Our tour will end at the History Station with a review of our Quaker background and its impact on the abolitionist movement.

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July 7, 2005

PHOENIXVILLE

July 14, 2005

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH AND BONNIE BREE PARK

Sponsor: Historical Society of the Phoenixville Area Tour Reservations: 610-935-7466
Main Street in an iron and steel company town takes on a new life full of interpreting architecture, attractions and historical sites. Using the former Phoenix Steel founding building, see the revitalization under progress and observe the nearby company owned worker houses. Standing before the three-story heritage mural, learn about the iron and steel milltown that developed around the 18th century farmhouse next door. Walk and hear about the lovely homes on Main Street, including the Carnegie Library and the textile proprietor's mansion.

July 21, 2005

PARKER FORD

July 28, 2005

CEDARVILLE

Sponsor: East Coventry Township Historical Commission Tour Reservations: 610-323-1694
Cedarville, a country village in North Coventry Township, was settled about 1840 and called Stumptown. Because there were so many cedar trees, the name was changed to Cedarville in 1876. Stroll with us to see a 120-year old church, the building that was a country store from 1850 to 1995; plus a school that was the first high school in North Coventry and is now beautifully preserved as a residence. See the Farmer's Union Hall built around 1870 as a meeting place for area farmers that later became the Orange Hall in the 1920s.

August 4, 2005

PAOLI BATTLEFIELD, MALVERN

Sponsor: Paoli Battlefield Preservation Fund and Malvern Historical Commission Tour Reservations: 610-644-2602
The Battle of Paoli was not a massacre and it was only partially a surprise attack. Malvern's walking tour this year will be the Revolutionary War Battlefield that has been in the news so much. Come hear the details about "The night of September 20-21, 1777." Guides positioned at key locations on the battlefield will interpret the action that occurred on that fateful night. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, this important historical site has not changed as a cornfield for over 225 years.

August 11, 2005

HISTORIC YELLOW SPRINGS

Sponsor: Historical Yellow Springs Tour Reservations: 610-827-7414, ext. 16
Join us in celebrating the 31st anniversary of Historic Yellow Springs when the view and leadership of Cornelia F. Flesher created our historic site in 1974. Cornelia is a descendant of other outstanding women who have reached beyond traditional feminine roles and DVRFNYT this village over the centuries. Meet the Revolutionary War nurses, innkeeper, school superintendent, artists, and actresses whose lives were woven into the historic fabric of Historic Yellow Springs. Explore this feminine spirit.

August 18, 2005

FAIRVILLE

Sponsor: Pennsbury Township Historical Commission Tour Reservations: 610-388-7323
An architecturally intact crossroads village of the late 18th and early 19th centuries, Fairville began as a service and market center on the Kennett Pike, Route 52, about 1744. While the Fairville Inn accommodated travelers passing through the village, the Fairville Forge, a store, post office, and cobbler shop fulfilled the needs of the residents and the school educated its children. You'll get an inside look at some of the significant buildings that make up this National Register Historic District.

August 25, 2005

MARLBOROUGH

Sponsor: East Marlborough Township Historical Commission Tour Reservations: 610-347-2237
Fortunate in its off-the-beaten path location, Marlborough has kept much of its midnineteenth century look. One hundred forty years ago this quiet village was busy with shops, schools, a post office, blacksmith, carriage-maker, and various tradesmen serving the surrounding farms. Most redolent of the past is the 1801 Friends Meeting with its burial ground — long ago the scene of conflict over the problem of slavery, now an era of tranquility.